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DIA Recommendations Concerning
CODIB Task Team V (Biographies) Final Report

The attached memorandum from the DIA representative re CODIB-D-111/1.5/4 of 11 February 1966 is distributed as input to discussion on the Task Team V report at the next meeting, now re-scheduled for Thursday, 19 May at 10:00 A.M., Room 2E62, CIA Headquarters.


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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHAIRMAN, CODI

SUBJECT: Recommendations Concerning CODIB Task Team V, Biographics,
Final Report (U)

1. (U) Task Team V's report has been reviewed by various DIA elements. The facts presented are impressive. In spite of this, however, two major recommendations emerge from the review of the report; first that the Task Team's seventh recommendation be deleted, and second, that the Task Team's Final Report not be forwarded to USIB in its present form.
2. (C) The seventh recommendation ("DIA expand its program for the processing of military personality information") is in no way supported by the discussion and consequently has no justification in the Task Team's report. Desirable as this expansion of DIA's effort may be, without any factual backup, this recommendation reads like a spontaneous wish hardly suitable for submission to USIB with CODIB's approval.
3. (C) The recommendation that the Task Team's Final Report not be forwarded to USIB stems mainly from the conclusion that the report offers no overall solutions amenable to practical implementation. In other words, the Final Report is not final; it only points up additional work which has to be completed before USIB can take a position. For example, Annex 2, Proposed Approach to the Machine Recording of Personal Names, offers a method of identifying names. It proposes a 40-character limit of personal names and gives some convincing examples as to why this is needed. The report does not mention, however, that as a follow-up on BoB Circular A-71, 6 March 1965, the Data Standards Division, ASD (Comp) (Mr. William B. Robertson, OX 78623) has proposed a 27-character code for transmission of personal names between Federal Agencies. Accordingly, the Defense Central Index of Investigations, Fort Holabird, uses this 27-character limit on punch cards. Formerly, the Army and Navy used a 22-character limit, and the Air Force a 17-character limit for personal names. A resolution of the 40-character versus 27-character limit is needed in the Final Report.
4. (C) Annex 4, Data Elements Used in Biographic Systems, is incomplete in that it offers no Task Team recommendation for what should be common data elements to all USIB members. The tabulation in Annex 4 of Services and Agencies using the data elements listed seemingly offers a constructive means of developing a format for a USIB biographic check list.

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5. (C) A resolution of these problems is needed before Task Team V's Final Report be submitted to USIB. It is believed that this task can be best performed by two separate CODIB working groups, one for CI/Security, and one for PI. Their findings and recommendations should be part of Annex 4 and should be included in the summaries of Findings and Conclusions.

6. (U) As a final comment, it is questioned whether the CODIB Support Staff is equipped to handle the tasks included in Task Team V's recommendations 5 and 6.



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